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SUBJ: RATSIRAKA OFFICIAL PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AS OF DECEMBER

30; BRIEF STRIKE OF CIVILDBRVANTS

REF: TANANARIVE 2106

1. AT 5:30 P.M. DECEMBER 30, ACCORDING TO MADAGASCAR PRESS, DIDIER RATSIRAKA OFFICIALLY BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR. PROCLAMATION WAS MADE BY SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TABULATING THE VOTES. COUNCIL ALSO OFFICIALLY DECLARED THAT CHARTER OF MALAGASY SOCIALIST RUVOLUTION AND CONSTITUTION OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS RESULT OF DECEMBER 21 REFER-
ENDUM. FINAL VOTE TALLY:

REGISTERED VOTERS	3,698,541	
ACTUAL VOTERS	3,426,216	
INVALID BALLOTS	32,101	
YES	3,213,146	TE 180,96

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(YES VOTES ACCOUNTED FOR 94.6 PERCENT OF ALL VALID BALLOTS,
BUT ONLY 86.8 PERCENT OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.)

2. CONSTITUTION IS EXPECTED TO BE PROMULGATED IN NEXT FEW
DAYS, AFTER WHICH NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE INAUGURATED (PERHAPS
WITHIN WEEK).

3. MOST CIVIL SERVANTS IN TANANARIVE (NO INFORMQTION YET ON REST
OF COUNTRY) WENT ON 48-HOUR STRIKE DECEMBER 29-30 IN PROTEST
AGAINST INSUFFICIENT INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES WHICH GOMR HAD
ANNOUNCED JUST BEFORE REFERENDUM. ONLY NEWSPAPER TO MENTION STRIKE
DIRECTLY (MARESAKA) WAS CONFISCATED. ANOTHER NEWSPAPER REPORTED
DENIAL BY FISEMA, LARGEST MALAGASY TRADE UNION WHICH IS STRONGLY
PRO-RATSIRAKA, THAT IT HAD INITIATED STRIKE.SHEINBAUM

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